

[LaPorte/NWI Indiana Fiber and Broadband Roundtable](#)

“On September 14, 2021, leaders from Digital Crossroad and Vivacity along with state and local leaders from all over Northwest Indiana, including La Porte County Commissioners Rich Mrozinski and Sheila Matias, met at Purdue Northwest in Westville for a roundtable discussion on the future of fiber and broadband internet access in Northwest Indiana.

Hoosiers already know that broadband is one of the most critical driving factors of economic development for communities; efficiency, effectiveness and success for businesses; and the quality of life for individuals and families.

The State of Indiana has already made significant commitments to broadband expansion having made millions available for Hoosiers in rural and underserved areas, but in order to fully realize the benefits of broadband, we must also radically improve the infrastructure that provides the broadband experience.

This will require significant investment to enhance our state's digital infrastructure, starting with the expansion of fiber, increased availability of data centers, and the installation of wireless poles and towers.

Many of these investments are happening today - which will create new opportunities for communities to reap the benefits.

At this roundtable discussion, local leaders - elected officials, business leaders, and economic development officials received the latest fiber and broadband updates and learned more about how Northwest Indiana can stay on the cutting edge of the new economy.”

